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### DECEMBER WHOLESALE FISH MARKET RECEIPTS IN CHICAGO

About 6,087,000 pounds of fresh and frozen fishery products were received during December at the Chicago Wholesale Fish Market, according to monthly summary figures released today by the Chicago Fishery Market News office of the Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior.

Compared with the arrivals in November--amounting to 6,249,000 pounds--this represents a decrease of 162,000 pounds. An increase, however, is shown of 173,000 pounds over the December 1940 figure of 5,914,000 pounds.

Receipts for the twelve months of 1941 amount to 65,569,000 pounds--an increase of 6,137,000 pounds, or 10 percent, over the total of 59,432,000 pounds for the same period in 1940.

During December 1941, 75 classifications of seafood--fish and shellfish, fresh- and salt-water--from 23 States, Alaska, and 6 provinces of Canada, were sent to this market. Of the total receipts, 2,706,000 pounds were fresh-water fish, 1,972,000 pounds salt-water fish, and 1,409,000 pounds were shellfish.

Domestic catch accounted for 4,581,000 of the total December receipts; 1,506,000 pounds were imported (including the catch taken by United States vessels and shipped through Canada to the United States in bond). Imports were greatest from Manitoba, which sent in 823,000 pounds, mostly sauger.

Fresh-water species--fresh and frozen--received in greatest abundance at the Chicago Market during December were lake trout (437,000 pounds); lake herring (397,000 pounds); whitefish (240,000 pounds); yellow perch (252,000 pounds); and sauger (506,000 pounds).

Predominating salt-water species of fish were frozen halibut (817,000 pounds) and frozen rosefish fillets (274,000 pounds).

Varieties of shellfish received at the Chicago Market included 888,000 pounds of fresh and frozen shrimp; 213,000 pounds of shell and 152,000 pounds of shucked oysters, 64,000 pounds of hard clams; and 48,000 pounds of frozen spiny lobster tails.

Massachusetts (696,000 pounds); Wisconsin (675,000 pounds); Louisiana (666,000 pounds); Michigan (515,000 pounds); Illinois (290,000 pounds); New York (257,000 pounds), and Minnesota, with 183,000 pounds, were the leading States sending fishery products to the Chicago Market. Alaska was responsible for 323,000 pounds.

A total of 2,850,000 pounds of fish and shellfish was delivered to Chicago by freight during December; 2,408,000 pounds by truck; and the remainder of 829,000 pounds by express.

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